

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as follows.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of reducing the pH of a servicing fluid comprising: comprising the steps of:

providing a crosslinked, viscous servicing fluid comprising an acid-releasing degradable material;

allowing the acid-releasing degradable material to produce an acid; and

allowing a pH of the servicing fluid ~~the servicing fluid's pH~~ to be reduced ~~reduce~~.

2. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the servicing fluid comprises a fracturing fluid or a gravel packing transport fluid.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the servicing fluid is crosslinked with a crosslinker comprising boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate, sodium diborate and pentaborates, ulexite, colemanite, zirconium lactate, zirconium lactate triethanolamine, zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, and zirconium diisopropylamine lactate, titanium ammonium lactate, titanium triethanolamine, titanium acetylacetonate, aluminum citrate or aluminum lactate.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein the servicing fluid de-crosslinks at a pH ~~when its pH is lowered~~ below about 9.

5. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide, a poly(lactide), a glycolide, a poly(glycolide), a substantially water-insoluble anhydride, ~~a poly(lactide); a glycolide; a poly(glycolide); a substantially water-insoluble anhydride;~~ a poly(anhydride), or a combination thereof.

7. **(Original)** The method of claim 1 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material further comprises a solvent.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 7 wherein the solvent is acetone, propylene carbonate, dipropylglycolmethylether, methylene chloride, isopropyl alcohol, or a combination ~~combinations~~ thereof.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A method of fracturing a subterranean formation comprising: comprising the steps of

providing a crosslinked, viscous fracturing fluid comprising an acid-releasing degradable material;

introducing ~~plaeing~~ the fracturing fluid into a subterranean formation at a pressure sufficient to create at least one fracture;

allowing the acid-releasing degradable material to produce an acid;

allowing a pH ~~the pH and viscosity~~ of the fracturing fluid to be reduced; and

allowing a viscosity of the fracturing fluid to be reduced ~~reduce~~.

10. **(Original)** The method of claim 9 wherein the fracturing fluid is crosslinked with a crosslinker comprising boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate, sodium diborate and pentaborates, ulexite, colemanite, zirconium lactate, zirconium lactate triethanolamine, zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, and zirconium diisopropylamine lactate, titanium ammonium lactate, titanium triethanolamine, titanium acetylacetonate, aluminum citrate or aluminum lactate.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 9 wherein the fracturing fluid de-crosslinks at a pH ~~when its pH is lowered~~ below about 9.

12. **(Original)** The method of claim 9 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 9 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide, a poly(lactide), a glycolide, a poly(glycolide), a substantially water insoluble anhydride, a poly(lactide); a glycolide; a poly(glycolide); a substantially water insoluble anhydride; a poly(anhydride), or a combination thereof.

14. **(Original)** The method of claim 9 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material further comprises a solvent.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 14 wherein the solvent comprises is acetone, propylene carbonate, dipropylglycolmethylether, methylene chloride, isopropyl alcohol, or a combination combinations thereof.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A method of creating a gravel pack in a well bore comprising: comprising the steps of

providing a crosslinked, viscous gravel transport fluid comprising gravel and an acid-releasing degradable material;

introducing placing the gravel transport fluid into a portion of a well bore so as to create a gravel pack;

allowing the acid-releasing degradable material to produce an acid;

allowing a pH the pH and viscosity of the gravel transport fluid to be reduced; and

allowing a viscosity of the gravel transport fluid to be reduced reduce.

17. **(Original)** The method of claim 16 wherein the gravel transport fluid is crosslinked with a crosslinker comprising boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate, sodium diborate and pentaborates, ulexite, colemanite, zirconium lactate, zirconium lactate triethanolamine, zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, and zirconium diisopropylamine lactate, titanium ammonium lactate, titanium triethanolamine, titanium acetylacetonate, alumimum citrate or aluminum lactate.

18. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 16 wherein the gravel transport fluid de-crosslinks at a pH ~~when its pH is lowered~~ below about 9.

19. **(Original)** The method of claim 16 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide.

20. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 16 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide, a poly(lactide), a glycolide, a poly(glycolide), a substantially water insoluble anhydride, a poly(lactide); a glycolide; a poly(glycolide); a substantially water insoluble anhydride; a poly(anhydride), or a combination thereof.

21. **(Original)** The method of claim 16 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material further comprises a solvent.

22. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 21 wherein the solvent comprises is acetone, propylene carbonate, dipropylglycolmethylether, methylene chloride, isopropyl alcohol, or a combination ~~combinations~~ thereof.

23. **(Original)** A servicing fluid composition comprising a crosslinked, viscous fluid and an acid-releasing degradable material.

24. **(Original)** The servicing fluid of claim 23 wherein the servicing fluid comprises a fracturing fluid or a gravel packing transport fluid.

25. **(Original)** The servicing fluid composition 23 wherein the servicing fluid is crosslinked with a crosslinker comprising boric acid, disodium octaborate tetrahydrate, sodium diborate and pentaborates, ulexite, colemanite, zirconium lactate, zirconium lactate triethanolamine, zirconium carbonate, zirconium acetylacetonate, and zirconium diisopropylamine lactate, titanium ammonium lactate, titanium triethanolamine, titanium acetylacetonate, aluminum citrate or aluminum lactate.

26. **(Currently Amended)** The servicing fluid claim 23 wherein the servicing fluid de-crosslinks at a pH ~~when its pH is lowered~~ below about 9.

27. **(Original)** The method of claim 23 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide.

28. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 23 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material comprises a lactide, a poly(lactide), a glycolide, a poly(glycolide), a substantially water insoluble anhydride, ~~a poly(lactide); a glycolide; a poly(glycolide); a substantially water insoluble anhydride;~~ a poly(anhydride), or a combination thereof.

29. **(Original)** The method of claim 23 wherein the acid-releasing degradable material further comprises a solvent.

30. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 29 wherein the solvent comprises is acetone, propylene carbonate, dipropylglycolmethylether, methylene chloride, isopropyl alcohol, or a combination ~~combinations~~ thereof.